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SUBJECT: SOUTH MOLUCCAN HIJACKERS TRIAL BEGINS

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1. EIGHT SOUTH MOLUCCANS GO ON TRIAL IN THE NETHERLANDS TODAY. THE DEFENDANTS INCLUDE THREE SURVIVORS OF THE GROUP OF NINE WHICH HELD A TRAIN AND PASSENGERS HOSTAGE IN NORTHERN HOLLAND FOR A RECORD 462 HOURS. FOUR OTHERS ARE ACCUSED OF SEIZING SCHOOLCHILDREN AND TEACHERS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME ON MAY 23 IN A SCHOOL 13 MILES AWAY. AN EIGHTH MOLUCCAN IS ACCUSED OF AIDING THE DOUBLE HOSTAGE OPERATION BY SUPPLYING A WEAPON AND AMMUNITION.

2. SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THE SEVEN MOLUCCANS INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL CAPTURE OF THE TRAIN AND SCHOOL ARE: (1) TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND (2) POSSESSION OF ARMS. CONVICTION OF BOTH OFFENSES WOULD CARRY A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 10 YEARS IN PRISON. NO MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED BECAUSE THE PROSECUTION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LINK THE SURVIVING TRAIN GUNMEN TO THE DEATHS OF THE TWO HOSTAGES THAT OCCURRED DURING THE TRAIN ASSAULT BY DUTCH MARINES.

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3. DUTCH SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN NUMEROUS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SURROUNDING THE LOCATION OF THE TRIAL IN ASSEN, HOPING TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE DISTURBANCES BY RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE RESTIVE MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY.
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